

were talking to or debating with somebody about what it is that I'm doing. But it's not effective when he tries to tell me how I should react to what my conscience tells me that I must do...I shouldn't even use the word conscience, tells me that how I ought to behave in a situation. I will not agree to his signing onto this bill because I'm not going to take the pilot way out and say, pour some water over my hands and I'm not guilty of this. I know what I'm doing and whatever the consequences are, I will bear them. There are groups with whom I'm working, I'm telling you, who may be very disappointed in me, but what I did in the first instance was not because of those groups. We happened to be going the same direction and I happened to get something done before any of them could. But we were in harmony in terms of our orientation and our ultimate goal. But they cannot tell me what I ought to do when it is a matter of what my principles mean to me. Nelson Mandela, as much as I respect him, is not the arbiter of or for my principles. He must do what he feels is necessary for him to do under the circumstances he finds himself faced with. I am going to do what is the right thing for me to do. Now, the body is not helpless in this matter. The body attached the MacBride Principles. They did that already. That decision was made and there was not the rancorous arguing and de...and other things that took place. That came afterward as a tactic by the representatives of the British government who don't like the MacBride Principles. How much did you all have to listen to about South Africa when the real objection was to the MacBride Principles? You all saw through that but you were being kind and generous and for that I applaud you. We all do what we feel is the thing to do and we have different reasons for doing those things. Mine is based on principle. Mine are not elastic. They don't expand and contract as convenience or expediency would indicate would be in my best personal advantage to make me look good to somebody or look noble to somebody or any of this. The MacBride Principles I believe in. And, remember, I am not a Catholic, so there is no religious underpinning to mine whatsoever. It is an issue with me of what is right and what is wrong. It was not easy to persuade this Legislature to accept divestment. It was a battle, so don't get the impression and people start feeling self-righteous that we declared that bad things were happening in South Africa and we ought to do the right thing. The South African's governments representatives were here trying to stop that and they did pay for some senators to go to South Africa and gave them a good time and they came back here speaking against divestment and talking about all the good things being